



**2017 Fort Bend County Fair Association**  
*Benefiting Youth | Promoting Agriculture*  
*Supporting Education*

## **Scholarship Guidelines**

Thank you for your interest in applying for the Fort Bend County Fair Association (FBCFA) Scholarship. Scholarship recipient selections are based on Fair/community involvement, academic achievement and financial need. Should you have questions contact the Fair office at 281-342-6171. All supportive scholarship information must be mailed to the Fair Office and not hand delivered.

**Scholarship Applications must be postmarked and mailed as instructed to the FBCFA office no later than January 27, 2017**

**Fort Bend County Fair Association – Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 428; Rosenberg, Texas 77471**

### **Fort Bend County Fair Association Scholarship**

1. The Fort Bend County Fair Association (FBCFA) awards forty-two (42) \$4,000 scholarships annually. Scholarship applicant must be a U.S. Citizen and a resident of Fort Bend County or zoned to a Fort Bend County School to apply.
2. A first-year applicant must be a high school senior and graduate the spring semester of their senior year. Candidates, other than Vocational, must plan to attend a recognized Texas college/university. A United States Military Academy may be substituted for a Texas college/university.
3. A college student who received a FBCFA scholarship the college freshman year may apply for a second scholarship to be used the following year. A student will not be awarded more than two (2) scholarships.

#### **First-Year FBCFA Scholarship Applicants:**

- Read application carefully and follow instructions as requested. Failure to follow directions will result in disqualification (i.e., lack of required signatures).
- First-year scholarship recipients who complete their freshman year in good standing are qualified to apply for a second-year scholarship in the amount of \$4000.00.

#### **Second-Year FBCFA Scholarship Applicants:**

- Read application carefully and follow instructions as requested. Failure to do so will result in disqualification (i.e., lack of required signatures).
- Do not resubmit the original narrative from your first-year application. Doing so, will result in disqualification.
- Second-year scholarship application deadline is January 27, 2017.

#### **Need Help? Have Questions?**

Please contact the Fair Office at 281-342-6171 for all questions.

4. Scholarships categories:

Restricted:

Sixteen (16) restricted scholarships will be awarded to candidates who exhibited at the Fort Bend County Fair through 4-H, FFA or FCCLA. Restricted scholarship recipients are required to take Agricultural or Home Economics related courses to receive scholarship payments under this field of study.

Non-Restricted:

Sixteen (16) non-restricted scholarships will be awarded to candidates who exhibited at the Fort Bend County Fair through 4-H, FFA or FCCLA. No restrictions apply to this field of study, but student must pursue a Bachelor's Degree.

Open:

Seven (7) open scholarships will be awarded. Special consideration will be given to applicants who have participated in some manner at the Fort Bend County Fair (i.e., Parade, Talent Contest, Open Youth, etc.). There are no restrictions in the course of study.

Art:

One (1) art scholarship will be awarded. Applicants must have participated in one School Art Auction program.

Vocational:

Two (2) vocational scholarships will be awarded. Special consideration will be given to applicants who have participated in some manner at the Fort Bend County Fair. Recipients are not required to attend a vocational school located in Texas. Vocational scholarship recipients must pursue a qualified certification from a recognized institution that prepares a student for semi-professional or technical employment. A course description for the certification must be presented with proof of registration.

5. Any Fair exhibitor disqualified from a FBCFA competition will not be allowed to apply for a Fort Bend County Fair Scholarship.
6. Final approval of scholarship recipients will be made by the Fort Bend County Fair Association's Board of Directors and Scholarship Committee.
7. Each scholarship recipient, other than Vocational, must be enrolled as a full-time student taking a minimum of twelve (12) course hours per semester and maintaining a 2.5 GPA.
8. Disbursement of scholarship funds:
  - A payment of \$2,000 will be mailed each semester directly to the college/university upon receipt of the following information by the Fair office:
    - a. All official information must have student's legal name, name of college and number of course hours enrolled.
    - b. Student's enrollment schedule
    - c. Official copy of transcript. Phone and/or computer "snap shots" will not be accepted. A 2.5 GPA must be maintained for first year and second year recipients.
  - Payment request must be submitted to the Fair office no later than March 15, 2017 unless written communication is received from the recipient and approved by the Fair office.
9. Scholarship payments will be forfeited if recipient fails to comply with the above requirements or receive payments in two (2) consecutive semesters. Payments are to begin the fall semester of 2017 following receipt of scholarship. Recipient may request an exception in the form of a letter to the Scholarship Committee before the scholarship expires. Any approved exception will not exceed a three (3) year period. Any scholarship or remaining funds not redeemed at the end of the three (3) year period will be forfeited.

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10. Recipients are expected to attend the scholarship-awards reception. Fair office must be notified in writing if you are unable to attend and in that case a parent or sibling may attend on your behalf.
11. Scholarship application guidelines  
First-Year Applicant
  - Application pages should be one-sided only, with no staples.
  - Include official high school transcript with “Official” stamp and sealed.
  - Include copy of college entrance scores (SAT, ACT, etc.).
  - Items that do not apply to you mark N/A (not applicable).
  - Incomplete applications will be disqualified.
  - Applicants are required to complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and submit a copy of their Student Aid Report (SAR), which is obtained once the FAFSA is accepted. Please note that it takes approximately one week after submitting the application for you to receive the report. The website is: <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>.
  - The Narrative must be a single page, typed in 12 point Times New Roman font and single spaced with a 1” margin. Select one topic from the following-
    - a. Please describe your involvement with the Fair, including kinds of projects, honors received and leadership activities.
    - b. Please name a positive role model in your life and elaborate on the influence they have had on your future.
    - c. Please explain a personal challenge in your life and how you have succeeded.
12. Second-Year Applicant
  - Official Transcript for second-year applicants must state “Official”.
  - Narrative. Follow guidelines as for First-Year Recipients.
  - Write a new narrative, do not resubmit first year’s narrative as this will result in disqualification.
  - Second-year applicants’ financials/paperwork is due to Fair office no later than January 27, 2017. No exceptions.
13. FBCFA Scholarship Application Judges:
  - The FBCFA Scholarship Committee will appoint at least three (3) individuals not associated to the FBCFA and any of the leadership to serve as scholarship judges.
  - Out-of-county scholarship judges receive only qualifying applications.
  - Names and personal information remain confidential.
  - Scholarship applications are judged on their own merit.